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CIRCULAR HEATING GUARD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(C) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant art along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H10-185214 published by the Japanese Patent Office on July 14, 1988; and
- B. Japanese Utility Model registration No. 3,067,648 published by the Japanese Patent Office on April 7, 2000.

The above-listed prior art are not in the English language, but they are cited in the specification of the above-identified application and the concise explanation of relevance of each one of these prior arts is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

Nonetheless, an English language abstract of the prior art A is attached to the copy of the corresponding prior art.

In addition, a further concise explanation of relevance of the prior art B is presented below as follows:

The prior art B discloses a stove guard in substantially a cubic shape comprising a front frame, a back frame and two side frames, all flat plane frames with no top frame provided.

These frames are connected by connecting members (screws) to form the cubic shape and disassembled when the connecting members are removed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2), enclosed herein is our check for \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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